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## FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS. THE CHAPLAIN PRAYS FOR THE SORROWING ONES.

Resolutions and Petitions in the Senate—The Speaker Surprises the House by Announcing a Number of Committees.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—(SENATE)—Among the petitions and memorials presented and referred were the following: By Mr. Edmunds, of Bishop Dudley, of Kentucky, and others for the incorporation of a kind of annex to the Howard University for the purpose of improving education among the colored people of the United States and in connection with it, a bill for the incorporation of a theological hall in that university. Petitions from various States in favor of a national Sunday rest law; and one from Iowa, against the passage of such law or of the Blair educational bill. Among the bills introduced and referred were the following:

For admission of Wyoming and Idaho as States, to provide temporary government for Oklahoma.

By Mr. Blair, to secure to the people the privileges of rest and religious worship free from disturbance by others on the day of the week.

For constitutional amendment conferring on the District of Columbia representation in the electoral college, and in the use and sale of opium in the District of Columbia and in the territories.

By Mr. Ingalls, providing pensions for indigent parents of deceased soldiers and for dependent soldiers. (The bill was prepared by the pension committee of the House.)

By Mr. Pasco, to define the divisions of the northern district of Florida and to provide for holding district and circuit courts therein.

By Mr. Butler, (reintroduced).—Mr. Chandler's bill of last session for the transfer of the revenue marine to the naval establishment.

Mr. Turpie offered a resolution that proposed penal enactments against trusts affecting commerce among the several States, should provide for the seizure of trust goods on lawful warrant and information, and for the forfeiture, confiscation and sale of the same. He asked that the resolution be laid on the table, and gave notice that he would call it up tomorrow for the purpose of submitting some remarks upon it.

Mr. Morgan offered a resolution which was agreed to instructing the committee on foreign relations to inquire and report as to the best method of increasing trade and commerce between the people of the free State of Congo and the people of the United States, and to what impediments, if any, exist in our diplomatic relations with the free State of Congo and other powers, standing in the way of such trade, commerce and intercourse. The executive session adjourned.

HOUSE.—In his prayer this morning, the chaplain said: "Almighty God, the land is full of sorrow. Rachel weeping for her children and will not be comforted because they are not; fathers for their first born, the pride and stay of their future years; children for their parents, the mill of the cold in the atmosphere of death, mourning the departure from earth of a man dear to their hearts, who had reached the term of four score years. Grant that the solemn mystery of death, the common heritage of us all, the meaning of which all must know ere long, may soften and hallow our hearts and feelings into the noble gentleness of the golden text uttered by the most conspicuous man of the century, in whom tenderness of heart made greatness of station and character more illustrious, 'Charity for all, malice for none.'"

Mr. Cannon, from the committee on rules, reported a resolution authorizing the speaker to appoint various standing and select committees of the house, and specifying the jurisdiction of each committee. Mr. Cannon explained that the resolution provided simply for the same committees which existed in the Fifty-first Congress, and extended to them similar jurisdiction. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Payne, of New York, introduced a bill defining the duties of the sergeant at arms of the house of representatives. It defines the duties already performed by that officer, and then proceeds: "Moneys which have been or may be appropriated for compensation and mileage shall be paid at the treasury on a requisition drawn by the clerk on the sergeant at arms, and shall be kept, disbursed and accounted for by him according to law, and he shall be disbursing officer and to give bond in the sum of \$50,000, which shall be deposited in the office of the comptroller of the treasury." The bill was referred to the special investigating committee with leave to report at any time.

During the little colloquy over the request that the report might be made at any time, Mr. Carlisle, a slip of tongue, referred to the speaker as "your honor," and stood embarrassed amid the merriment which the slip occasioned. The merriment was renewed when the speaker assured Mr. Carlisle that he (speaker) was as much embarrassed as the gentleman could possibly be.

Mr. Honk, of Tennessee, offered a resolution directing the clerk to pay to the widow of Neal S. Brown, late reading clerk of the house, a sum equal to one year's salary.

Mr. Heall, of Minnesota, introduced a resolution for the appointment of a World's Fair committee to consist of nine members. Referred.

After the reference of a large number of executive communications, the speaker surprised the majority of the members by the appointment of the following committees:

Ways and means committee—Mr. McKinley, chairman; Mr. Burrows, Mr. Payne, Mr. Dingley, Mr. McKinney, Mr. Payne, Mr. Lapham, Mr. Gear, Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Mills, Mr. McMillen, Mr. Breckinridge, of Arkansas, and Mr. Flowers.

Committee on appropriations—Mr. Cannon chairman; Mr. Butterworth, Mr. McComas, Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, Mr. Peters, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Belden, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Brewer, of Michigan, Mr. Randall, Mr. Forney, Mr. Sayers, Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, and Mr. Dockery.

On manufactures—Mr. Kelley, chairman; Mr. Burrows, Mr. E. B. Taylor, of Ohio, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Morse, Mr. Sanford, Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, Mr. Bynum, Mr. Williams, of Illinois, Mr. Grimes, and Mr. Fowler.

On hooks—Mr. Rowell, chairman; Mr. Hook, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Hanger, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Duley, Mr. Bergen, Mr. Greenhalge, Mr. Comstock, Mr. Crisp, Mr. O'Ferrall, Mr. Outwaite, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Moore, of Texas, Mr. Andwike, of Illinois.

On mileage—Mr. Lind chairman; Mr.

## Townsend, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Wallace, of Massachusetts, Mr. Clunie, and Mr. Pennington. The house then at 1.15 adjourned until Wednesday.

MR. DAVIS USED HIM WELL.  
The Man Who Captured Him Asks for Aid.

DETROIT, Mich., December 8.—About noon yesterday a group of veterans were gathered at the pension office to receive their quarterly stipend. The death of Jefferson Davis was the chief topic of conversation, and interested participants in the talk were three members of the Fourth Michigan cavalry, the regiment which had effected the capture of Mr. Davis at Irwinville, Ga. Two young women clerks were checking off pensions in the office, and the repetition of names had grown monotonous. Suddenly a veteran who had been discussing the death of Mr. Davis stopped and called to one of the young women:

"Will you repeat that last name?"

"Cordell," was the response; "Andrew Bee, Martin, Allegan county."

"That's a mighty curious coincidence," said the soldier; "Andrew Bee, that Allegan man, was the soldier who first put his hands on Jeff Davis and demanded his surrender, away back in 1865. Bee is a poor mechanic. Eight months ago he went south in search of an opportunity to better his condition. He found himself one day in the vicinity of Beauvoir, Miss., and boldly called upon Mr. Davis. The ex-chief came out to him kindly. They talked for several hours over the war, and especially that part of the drama in which both had been actors. Bee revealed to Mr. Davis the fact that he was out of money but wanted to get back to Michigan. Mr. Davis handed his former captor a well-filled purse and bade him goodbye, refusing to hear his thanks, but saying: "If you ever meet any of our boys in want, relieve them, if it be possible."

Preparations for the funeral.  
From a telegram to the Atlanta Constitution, dated New Orleans, December 8th, we take the following:

Preparations for the funeral Wednesday are going on. It will be the largest funeral ever seen in this country. The casket upon which the casket is to ride belongs to the Washington artillery, and when the funeral is over, it will be placed in the army never to be used again. The military display will be the largest ever seen in the South. The Houston, Texas, brigade Mississippi and Alabama troops have announced their coming. The governors of various Southern States will form one of the features of the day. Much interest is manifested over Governor Henderson, who is a New Orleans people he is a great favorite and they all love him. His name is always mentioned in the proudest manner, and nothing but the tenderest words are heard of him. If the governor does come and it is generally believed that he will, he will never forget the welcome which he will be given him. Atlanta, too, ought to send one of her military companies to take part in the service.

Acting Under Mistake.  
LANSING, December 9.—It is stated that the greater portion of the higher officers of the Brazilian army were monarchists and joined the republican minority in the recent outbreak in Brazil under the belief that demonstration was to be merely against ministers and not against the empire. They became aware of the true facts only when they had gone too far to retrace their steps. When the revolution started thousands of students armed themselves with revolvers and rifles and swords and threatened to kill the Emperor and his family. A boat manned by students paddled the harbor, it being their intention to intercept the Emperor while he was embarking and do him injury.

In Search of Defaulter Silcott.  
QUEBEC, December 9.—All the hotels, boarding houses and places of questionable resort in this city have been searched by detectives and reporters within the past few days for the Washington defaulter Silcott and his companion, Hermine Thiebault, but without success. Detectives never knew a woman here answering Hermine Silcott's description, and of that name; but there was one Eugenie Thiebault here two or three years ago, who fairly answered the description given. The police here, thinking that either the defaulter or his companion, the latter, the avowed intention of the couple to come to Quebec was a blind, or that they have stayed over at a point further west, and have not yet reached Quebec.

Claus Spreckels at Work.  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 9.—The work of refining sugar was commenced today in Claus Spreckels' immense new sugar refinery on the Delaware river, at the foot of Bud street, in this city. The capacity of the refinery is two million pounds of sugar every twenty-four hours. The actual cost of the buildings, machinery and site has not been definitely ascertained, but it is believed that it will amount to more than three millions. Work was commenced on the duplication of these buildings a month ago by the erection of a dividing fence, so that the new work now in progress will not interfere with that which is completed. This duplication of the plant will, it is expected, be completed before the end of the year.

Bond Offerings.  
WASHINGTON, December 9.—Bond offerings to-day, \$754,050; all accepted at 104½ for four and halves, and 127 for four per cents.

The comptroller of the currency has been informed that several national banks are holding government deposits are contemplating an increase of their note issues by utilizing the bonds now held to secure deposits as a basis for circulation. In the opinion of the comptroller, the calling in of deposits may result in an increase of national bank circulation.

The Relics of Mr. Davis' Capture.  
WASHINGTON, December 9.—The death of Jefferson Davis has aroused curiosity respecting the relics associated with his capture at the close of the war, and now deposited in the war department. Many requests have been made in the past few days for permission to see them; but, in pursuance of Secretary Proctor's determination to officially ignore the fact of the death of Mr. Davis, all such requests have been denied.

Randall Improving.  
WASHINGTON, December 9.—Samuel J. Randall is in better health to-day than he has been for some time. He has steadily gained during the past week and is able to sit up in his room, but will not go to the capital until after the holidays.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

PORTRAITS OF WEBSTER AND HENRY CLAY.

How Clay's Deeds Were Paid—Another Centennial—A Noble Act of Congressman Cheatham, of This State.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8. Few statesmen are more popular in North Carolina than Daniel Webster. All the old-line Whigs revere his memory. There is a magnificent portrait of him now on exhibition in a well-known house in this city, painted from life three years before his death, by a Boston artist. It is very fine, and bears the impress of the godlike characteristics of the great man. There is also in this city a portrait of Henry Clay painted by Wm. Shephard Pettigrew, of the Diocese of North Carolina. Mr. Brown painted the portrait from a daguerreotype which Mr. Clay gave Mr. Pettigrew when they were at the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs years ago. Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Clay were good friends and the country clergyman who is probably known to many of your readers, still retains a warm affection for the famous blue grass orator. Mr. Pettigrew will be highly pleased with this portrait when he sees it. He told me that when Henry Clay heard that the late Mr. Wood, of Edenton, had paid half of his (Mr. Clay's) debts just prior to his nomination to the presidency he sent him in payment a drove of Kentucky mules of the best bred in Kentucky. Mr. Clay's son was sent in charge of them, and was commissioned to express his father's appreciation of Mr. Wood's generous act. Mr. Pettigrew says the stock in and around Edenton still retains many of the good points of the Kentucky breed sent down by Mr. Clay. The amount paid down by Mr. Clay by Mr. Wood was, I think, about \$20,000. A Dr. Mercer, of New Orleans, paid another \$20,000. This Mr. Wood, of Edenton, was at the White Sulphur springs at the same time with Mr. Clay and Mr. Pettigrew and it was there this unique way of helping the presidential candidate was determined on. These methods differ somewhat from the "bottle" manipulations of the present regime.

Next Wednesday will be celebrated in the hall of the house of representatives, the one hundredth anniversary of the first meeting of congress under the constitution—an event of signal importance, almost entirely overlooked by a public who have in the past thirteen years hardly been able to keep up with the vast tide of centennial commemoration. There will no doubt be an impressive assemblage to hear the address of the chief justice.

Lieut. Richard Henderson, U. S. N., a brother of Hon. John S. Henderson, has been ordered on duty at the navy yard in this city. He was recently married to Miss Seales, and is a nephew of his distinguished ancestor, Judge Richard Henderson, of Granville county, the father of Chief Justice Henderson.

I have previously mentioned in this correspondence the good traits of Plummer Cheatham, the negro congressman from the second district. One of the first acts of this congress on his part, was to seek out Mr. Adams, the new door-keeper, and ask him to retain one member of the folding room staff. "I know he is a democrat," said Cheatham, "but he is a steady, industrious young man, and for peculiar reasons, I want him retained. I was given to his mother when I was a little boy as a wedding present. I told his widowed mother I would try my level best to keep her boy in work." The young man is still at his job in the folding room.

A WILL CONTESTED.  
An Interesting Case Now Occupying the Superior Court.

A very interesting legal fight is being carried on in the court this week. It is a case of a great deal of interest, and one which invokes some very important legal questions. It seems that the late Joseph Embler, a well known farmer in this county, executed a will in which he left a greater portion of his estate to two of his children, Mr. Frank Embler and his sister, Mrs. J. W. Parham. This will has been contested by his remaining children and other of his descendants on the ground, first that he was not in full possession of his mental powers at the time of its execution, and secondly that undue influence was used by the husband of Mrs. Parham and by his son, Mr. Frank Embler. Some time before Mr. Embler's death he was regarded as not having sufficient mind and memory to take care of his estate. Consequently his friends and relatives applied for a commission to try the question of his sanity. He was decided incompetent to manage his affairs, and Mr. J. M. Rogers was appointed by the court as guardian. Shortly before his death, at the advanced age of eighty-eight, the will was probated. His remaining children and descendants then filed a caveat to the will, which caused the issue now being tried.

The fight is between the propounders of the will, represented by Melvin E. Carter and Messrs. Gudgeon, Carter and Martin. The caveaters are represented by Messrs. Moore and Merrick, and Messrs. Davidson, Martin and T. A. Jones.

The estate is said to be worth in the neighborhood of \$2,000, and the case will not probably be decided until Thursday night.

Returned.  
Mr. A. H. Jones, long a resident of Asheville, and whose silence last spring led to some uneasiness about his personal safety, returned yesterday from Oklahoma, of which territory it has been long well known he is now a resident.

Observances at Winchester.  
WINCHESTER, Va., December 9.—Expressions of sorrow are heard on every hand over the death of Jefferson Davis. The Lee camp of Confederate veterans held a meeting to-night and passed appropriate resolutions. Memorial services will be held in the Episcopal church here Wednesday in accordance with Governor Lee's proclamation.

Parnell Ill.  
LONDON, December 9.—Parnell is ill. He will not speak at the meeting at Nottingham to-morrow as was previously announced.

## BEFORE THE MAYOR.

The Colonel's Ring Was the Only Thing That Could Stop Mollie.

Mollie used very spicy language the other day. There was a great deal more spice than anything else in it. In fact it was so strong that it would make the ordinary boarding house butter turn green with envy. Now two other women had been favored with these forcible epithets and they thought the Mayor ought to have a chance to hear "English as she is spoke." The result was that Mollie was honored with an interview with the mayor, and the other two damsels extracted much amusement from the situation. It seems that they had been witnesses in the case of Chas. Clemens, who was held on the three different charges of being drunk, shooting off a pistol, and carrying concealed weapons. When the Mayor said, "Do you wish to prove your attendance?" both were almost lifted from their seats by the vehemence with which they answered, "Yes." But as he asked each witness in turn this question and they answered "No," both Sarah and Clara drew long faces and shifted uneasily on their seats. When the momentous question was asked them, they were ashamed to say yes, and, looking sadly into the distance after those vanishing quarters, they slowly whispered, "No-o." Mollie was their last chance, and how they did seize it. One witness didn't appear to mind swearing very much. By the way he was a man. Perhaps (the thought is shocking) he might have indulged in it sometimes himself. "Did Mollie curse?" said the mayor. "Yes, sir. She cursed a little." "Did it disturb you?" "It didn't disturb me." The Mayor remarked that perhaps it took a great deal to disturb him, and fined Mollie \$3. Then he asked Sarah and Clara if they wished to prove their attendance. A beatific smile stole over their countenances. The quarters were theirs. One exultant glance at Mollie, a preparatory heave or two, and nudging each other with their elbows, both cried, "Yes!" This was too much for Mollie. Up she jumped and gesticulating wildly cried, "If I'm fined, I want those bad men fined. They were just as bad as I was. I'll have them arrested. I'll—" but Clara rushed up to the bar, glaring defiantly, and lifted her voice in accents wild which would have covered a mile of territory. This was more than the Colonel could stand, and as he majestically waved her back, the glorious effulgence emanating from his \$75 ring caused her to shrink back in awe, and the Mayor wearily led away the reluctant Mollie. But her voice remained behind her, growing fainter and fainter as she slowly traversed the path to the calaboose.

ODDS AND ENDS.  
We are indebted to Mr. Vesey, the flourist, for the article on the care of roses.

The board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. will hold their monthly meeting at the rooms of the association to-night at 7 o'clock.

A team belonging to Mr. Stikeleather became unmanageable on Haywood street and one of the horses kicked so violently that he fell down. Luckily no one was injured.

A curious spell of weather set in with December. It has been cloudy, sometimes damp, no rain, and quite warm, yesterday the mercury being up to 68. We will be pleased to welcome the outer skirts of one of those cold waves.

At 8 o'clock the monthly meeting of the association will be held. Reports will be read, an address will be given and there will be plenty of singing. All members of the association, whether active or associate are requested to attend.

Messrs. Girdwood and Lee yesterday bought some twelve or fifteen acres of land lying on the east side of the French Broad river just below the railroad bridge, from Messrs. Penland and Breese, paying for the same \$300 per acre. Messrs. Girdwood and Lee will move their brickyard to their purchase.

W. J. Penland stole a cat and put it in the calaboose the other night, presumably to keep it from being disorderly and serenading the citizens. But Sam Inman sneaked in and got it, and now Penland is bewailing his loss, and the song he sings is "My—ah! My—ah! Cat."

Capt. Troy wishes to call attention to the driving on Patton avenue. Many use the block between main street and Haywood street unnecessarily. Driving on this block hinders the work on the street from being more rapidly accomplished. Unless people have business at stores on that particular block, they should drive around it and not block up the way to the great annoyance and hindrance of the workmen. Otherwise it may be found necessary to restrict the public from that portion of Patton avenue until the work is completed.

Col. L. L. Polk Honored.  
The Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger says:

A special telegram received from St. Louis this morning announces that Col. L. L. Polk was elected president of the National Farmers' and Laborers' union. This is another great compliment to him, as the organization of which he is now the head has between five millions and six millions of members. The alliance men are intensely gratified, and when Col. Polk returns here next week they will give him a grand public reception, under the auspices of the Wake county alliance, which has 2,700 members.

## THE MEMORIAL MEETING.

EARTH TO EARTH DUST TO DUST, ASHES TO ASHES!

Program of Services to be Held in Central Methodist Church, on Wednesday at Noon, in Honor of Jefferson Davis.

Years ago the South bowed and wept as one man as the last rites were solemnized in honor of the beloved Lee, father, friend, soldier, dear to the cause which he made illustrious by his sublime submission to its fall not less than by valor with which he maintained it. Now we are to gather together, not perhaps with the same tenderness of personal sorrow, but with a feeling of affection, of admiration, of respect for him who, occupying a different relation to us from that borne by the beloved Lee, still gained, and was worthy of, all the affection, admiration and respect that manly courage, heroic fortitude and patriotic purpose could evoke. And to Jefferson Davis was drawn forth and perpetuated feeling that had no occasion in the experience of General Lee. The one was suffered to subside quietly into the peaceful shades of unobtrusive private life or unostentatious public duty; the other lived harassed, persecuted, misrepresented, misunderstood, hearing uncomplainingly the injustice of his maligners, bravely adhering to the truth of his convictions, and heroically doing so because convinced in his conscience and his judgment that it was his right.

It is for the sublimity of his fortitude and the steadiness of his purpose, in war and in peace, on behalf of his compatriots that they now, in this their hour of sorrow, recall with tender memories all that he had done for them, all that he had suffered for them; and so by general agreement determined to make the day of his obsequies one of general mournful participation.

It is not needful to remind the old Confederates, the old soldiers of Jefferson Davis, of the occasion. They will be present so far as information will have reached them. We shall be glad if the soldiers of the North among us, and also the citizens of the North, shall unite with us. They like us, had their cause; the one went down in gloom; the other went up and stands up in a pride and splendor that holds the loyal pride of all Americans. Whatever there was of bitterness and animosity is now buried in the grave. We mourn an incorruptible man, a brave soldier, an humble christian, a pure, if mistaken, patriot. We can all join hands around his grave as members of one stricken family.

MEMORIAL MEETING  
To be held at the Central Methodist church at 12 m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, in memory of

JEFFERSON DAVIS,  
President of the late Confederate States of America, under the auspices of the Confederate Veterans' Association of Buncombe county.

The Confederate veterans will assemble in front of the court house at 11.30 a. m., where they will be provided with memorial badges, and will proceed in a body to the church.

The services will be opened at 12 m., Col. J. M. Ray, vice-president of the association, presiding.

PROGRAMME.  
Voluntary by choir.  
Prayer by Rev. Dr. S. N. Barker.  
Music by choir.

Reading of selections from the burial service by Rev. Dr. Jarvis Baxton.  
Recitation of "The Conquered Banner," by Miss Willie E. Ray.  
Addresses by Rev. Dr. L. L. Carroll, Rev. Dr. W. S. P. Bryan.

Music by choir.  
Addresses by Rev. Father White, Rev. Dr. W. A. Nelson, Rev. Dr. G. C. Rankin.  
Prayer by Rev. Dr. Robertson.  
Music by choir.

Benediction by Rev. J. S. Burnett.  
Ushers—Messrs. J. A. Porter, W. H. Penland, Jno. McDowell, W. B. Troy.  
The draping of the church will be in charge of Miss F. L. Patton, chairman; Mrs. J. P. Sawyer, Miss Cora Drummond, Miss Nellie LaBarbe, Mrs. C. E. Graham.

All the church bells will be tolled from 11.30 a. m. until 12 m.  
All banks, public buildings and stores are requested to close between the hours of 11.30 a. m. and 1.30 p. m.

All addresses of the speakers will be limited to ten minutes.  
The first eight pews immediately in front of the pulpit will be reserved for the veterans.

Sylva.  
Mr. J. N. McComb, of the interior of New York, is in the city. Mr. McComb is the owner of a large body of mountain land on Dick's creek, Jackson county, and also of a finely situated tract of thirty or forty acres at Sylva, which he has recently put in condition to be thrown into the market, by clearing the undergrowth, opening streets, etc. We learn from the Tuckasegee Democrat that several lots have already been sold. A beautiful addition is thus made to the town of Sylva, by opening to use so many fine building sites. With the large coal works, timber and lumber industry, flouring mills, and its importance as a shipping point, Sylva bids fair to increase rapidly in population and consequence.

Signor Bosco.  
Signor Bosco had a crowded house last evening. His tricks and sleight of hand performances afforded his audience a great deal of entertainment and enjoyment. The closing scene was especially appreciated, when the gifts were brought on the stage and each one looked on his envelope to see if they held the coveted number, which would draw a valuable prize. It was a regular Louisiana lottery, only there was more chance of getting something. At to-morrow's performance the chief prizes will be a gold watch and an oak set of bed room furniture.

## WINTER CARE OF ROSES.

How to Keep the Queen of Flowers During the Cold Weather.

Hardy roses need no protection in winter, but the tender roses are sometimes winter killed here. Thus there is some uncertainty about what roses to plant, and what to do with those planted. The hybrid perpetual class of roses are hardy, and are never winter killed. They are deciduous, casting their leaves after the frost. Their leaves are generally broader, shorter and rougher than the tea rose. Tea or evergreen roses hold most of their leaves during winter. Their leaves are more or less lance shaped, smooth, and with a waxy gloss. The noisettes are more tender than the teas, and will not endure our winters unless carefully protected. Marshal Neil is the best known of this class.

Roses, whether teas or hybrids, should be pruned back much more severely than is ever practiced here. Cut out all the old canes, select a few of the strongest young canes, and cut them back to within three or four inches of the ground. Clear away the grass, not allowing it nearer than two feet from the stems. Cover loosely with rough manure until the stems are completely hid from sight. This should not be done before the middle of December. As soon as frost is out of the ground in spring, fork this manure in lightly, and the best results will follow. Strong, vigorous shoots will push from every bud, and will produce roses much larger and richer in color than in the old way of neglecting to prune at all, or of pruning back to about three feet. The bloom is produced on the young wood, and a vigorous growth of young canes is the first object to be attained. A grand florescence is sure to follow.

Strong out-door grown roses should be planted out at this time of year, and treated as above. They will give grand results the first season.

Knights of the Road.  
Commercial travelers, drummers, or as they call them in England, huggens, are a fixed institution, and a formidable body, in making their way to favor, or otherwise; for they have a way of taking up the most room and the best places on the cars, and in extracting all the comfort that is to be gotten out of a hotel, and not always without protest; so there always is two sides from which the drummer is to be viewed. On the whole they are a fine body of young—mostly—men, active, alert, quick of speech, intelligent, true to their employers, to be trusted by their customers, men of truth, though Mullatton does draw a long bow sometimes, and altogether worthy of a good word from the press. Asheville has contributed quite largely to the noble army of drummers. Some of the gentlemen now in the field have been successfully engaged in extensive business here, and are among the most popular men on the road, such men as Berry, Jordan, Henry, Tilson, perhaps others we do not recall, except that we do not forget R. R. Porter—Bob Porter—that they all ask for and all look for, not only here, but over a territory blessed by his beaming good nature as large as all Texas. He is at home now with some of the finest work of his house—C. W. Thorne & Co., Richmond—which he has now on exhibit over Alexander's. We need only make the suggestion.

Meteorological Report.  
(United States Signal Service Station.)  
Wynah Sanatorium, Asheville, N. C. )  
Lat. 35.36 N., Long. 82.26 W. Elevation above sea level, 2,350 ft.  
(Exposure of instruments in S. Signal Service station.)  
Summary of Meteorological Observations for November, 1899.

TEMPERATURE.  
Max. Min.  
7 a.m. 2 p.m. 9 p.m. High. Mean High. Mean  
39.90 51.40 40.90 72.05 55.41 14.99 37.03  
No. days fair, 12; No. days cloudy, 45; No. days severe wind, 2; No. days snow or ice, 0.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY.  
7 a.m. 2 p.m. 9 p.m. Daily Mean  
53.27 38.43 71.73 51.14  
(Grains of moisture per cubic foot of air.)  
7 a.m. 2 p.m. 9 p.m. Daily Mean  
2.669 2.608 2.650 2.630

BAROMETER.  
(Corrected for Temperature and Altitude.)  
7 a.m. 2 p.m. 9 p.m. High. Low. Daily Mean  
30.24 30.16 30.22 30.53 29.99 30.21

PRECIPITATION.  
No. days rainfall, 1; 100 No. days snowfall, 1; 10 inch or more, 2  
Total rainfall, melted snow inches, 4.72.  
Total snowfall, inches, 1.60.

WEATHER.  
No. of clear days, 11; No. of cloudy and rainy days, 7; No. days without sunshine, 0.

WIND.  
(Average force of wind, scale 0 to 10.)  
7 a.m. 2 p.m. 9 p.m. Daily Mean  
1.53 1.70 1.96 1.75  
No. days calm, 7; No. days gentle breeze, 10; No. days moderate wind, 2; No. days severe wind, 2; No. days gale or storm, 0.

Prevailing winds, N & N.W.  
Per cent. of possible, 100; Mean for month, 54.33

KARL VON RUCK, M. D., Observer.  
The comparative small daily range of temperature, the slight variation from day to day, the great number of clear and fair days for so unfavorable a month as November; also the large per centage of ozone, and not a single day without sunshine, are remarkable, and confirm the peculiar and high claims made for the climate of this place and section.

Death of Mrs. T. C. Reeves.  
This lady, the wife of Mr. Thomas C. Reeves, of Hominy, died at her residence on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, after an illness of one week. She was buried near home on Monday afternoon. She was a sister of the Messrs. Starnes of this city.

Little Dick Collier, a lad eight or nine years of age, had a tumble from his pony on Saturday and had the misfortune to have his right thigh broken.

## FACTORIES, RAILROADS.

GOOD MEETING IN THE COURT HOUSE LAST NIGHT.

A Committee Appointed to Visit Lynn, Massachusetts, and Hear Co-operation and Endorsement Promised the Railroads.

The court room was quite well filled last evening, when Mayor Planton was called to the chair, and the object stated by Mr. Powell, the president of our Board of Trade, to consider the propriety of sending a committee to Lynn, Massachusetts, in hope of inducing the manufacturers who have recently been burned out, to visit Asheville before deciding upon a location for rebuilding.

After some most pertinent remarks by Mr. C. E. Graham, urging the necessity of liberal inducements being made, to overcome such disadvantages, as competing towns may present to our disfavor, Capt. Atkinson made one of his usual strong speeches, in support of the following motions, which had been presented by Mr. Powell, and they were enthusiastically adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman appoint a committee to visit Lynn, Mass., and lay before the manufacturers recently burned out in that city the advantages offered by Asheville, as a desirable point to rebuild, and in behalf of our citizens to extend to them an invitation to visit our city for the purpose of investigation, and that said committee be authorized to collect such statistics in regard to Asheville as may properly present their advantages for such an enterprise.

Resolved, That this committee shall seek the co-operation of this community before going to Lynn, and it is the sense of this meeting that the best interest of Asheville will be presented by a liberal response to their applications.

The chairman then appointed in accordance with the first resolution the following committee: Messrs. N. Atkinson, H. C. Hunt, T. W. Patton, H. T. Collins, J. P. Sawyer, J. A. Conant.

The following resolutions by Capt. Atkinson were then considered, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, There will meet in this city to-morrow a mass meeting of the citizens of this county to take action in regard to certain railroad projects. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to the townships outside of Asheville, and citizens abroad, a most hearty welcome, and hereby pledge ourselves to give the movement our most hearty co-operation and endorsement.

Pending the consideration of this resolution